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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/662,669	Applicant(s) SAGO ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 8-11 recites the limitation "said integrated circle". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: Notice claim 4 is a duplicate claim. Claim 1 reads word for word as claim 4 does.

Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: On Line 2 of claim 5, the word "as" appears to be a typographical error. The Examiner believes the word should read "is".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,821,510 to Cohen et al.

In regards to claims 1-4 and 6-7, Cohen et al discloses an optical connector plug (7) and an adapter coupled together with a memory function (13) capable of writing and reading information. Cohen et al further discloses the memory function to be mounted to the housing. (Figure 2, Column 8)

Cohen et al fails to specifically disclose the memory function to read and write control information. However, Cohen et al does disclose the memory function connected to a computer source. The computer provides the necessary control information to the memory function. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to have the memory function to be able to read and write control information, since it would be desirable for the memory function to be able to relay the control information to the other components in the system.

In regards to claims 5 and 8-11, Cohen et al discloses all discussed above but fails to disclose an antenna mounted to the adapter and the memory function to include an integrated circuit formed into an electromagnetic induction system. However, Cohen et al does disclose an antenna on the receiver interface to transmit data. Furthermore, Cohen et al discloses a computer as part of the memory function. In a computer, many integrated circuits with electromagnetic components are used, and therefore, may cause an electromagnetic induction system. Therefore, although Cohen et al does not specifically state an antenna mounted to the adapter and the memory function to include an integrated circuit formed into an electromagnetic induction system, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to have an antenna mounted to the adapter and the memory function to include an integrated circuit formed into an electromagnetic induction system in order to read and write information from the memory function to the desired location.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tina M. Lin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2352. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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